(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are planning to increase the rates for different tests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Rates for CGHS, Delhi were revised *w.e.f.* 1.11.2006 and in respect of other cities in June, 2007. Rates for various procedures were arrived at on the basis of rates quoted by private hospitals/diagnostic centres in response to tender notice issued in March-April, 2004. Fresh empanelment of private hospitals and diagnostic Centres under CGHS was taken up to have competitive rates for various procedures and services, as also directed by the High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 4754 of 1996 in Shri T.S. Oberoi *Versus* Union of India.

Requirement of syringes

2711. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of syringes required in the country every year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the syringes used in the country are unsafe according to the report of World Bank;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) that steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Ministry does not maintain data on total no. of syringes required in the country. However, there are more than 30 manufacturing units of disposable/single use syringes and needles in the country and 10 registered, overseas manufacturing sites of disposable/single use syringes and needles for import into the country. Report of shortage of disposable/single use syringes and needle in the country has not come to the notice of this Ministry.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. No study was Conducted by the World Bank to access the safety of syringes. However, a study was conducted to assess injection practices in India by 'International Clinical Epidemiology Network' (INCLEN), in-coordination with Clinical Epidemiology Unit, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and supported by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and World Bank. In this study of syringing practices, 67% cases were found to be unsafe practices.

PMSSY in Rajasthan

2712. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana and the achievements thereof in the country, particularly in Rajasthan;